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THE UNION GOVERNMENT WINS

W. J. Blair Carries Battle River By Handsome Majority

Irma's Ninth Annual Seed Fair and Poultry Show Today

The Times Wishes All Its Readers A Very Merry Christmas

BORDEN LEADS UNION GOVERNMENT TO VICTORY

The Union Government has won a decisive victory at the polls. At an early hour Tuesday morning, practically complete returns from the eastern provinces, and results not quite so complete from the west indicate that apart from the soldiers' votes to be counted in January, the Government will have a majority in excess of 45.

The provinces east of the Ottawa river more than verified the predictions of those who believed that the Unionists and Liberal would break about even, but Ontario and the west proved a surprise. The Opposition counted on at least 20 seats from Ontario and only got 10. Liberals thought they could count on not less than 15 seats in the West, but up to 1 o'clock Tuesday, Molly, of Provencher, Man., and Stork, of Skeena, B. C. are the only supporters of Sir Wilfrid Laurier elected. Two or three seats in Northern Alberta may still be in doubt because of the large number of country polls still to be heard from, but there is little to indicate the probability of more than four or five oppositionists being elected in Western Canada.

In Ontario, 72 of the 82 constituencies have been won by the Unionist forces and all the ministers have been elected by large majorities. The Opposition has been successful only in North Waterloo, Russell, South Renfrew, Prescott, South Perth, West Middlesex, Kent South Essex, North Essex and South Bruce.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his running mate, H. McGivern, were defeated close on to 1000 majority in the capital, but the Liberal leader was returned in Quebec East by six thousand majority.

Back At His Old Job.

We are glad to see W. E. Carter back at the Co-op. Mr. Carter left the Co-op on Jan. 6th, 1915 to enlist with the 151st and stayed with the Battalion till the end of September, when the Battalion left Sarnia Camp for overseas, on account of a slight illness at the time he was turned down by the medical board and given his discharge. Since then he has been working at farming. He has purchased the S.W. of Sec. 23-45-8 and intends breaking it up in the spring.

Lieut. T.O. Clark and wife and Miss M. Clark left Tuesday to spend holidays in Calgary.

The sale of Wm. Eaton was a success Tuesday notwithstanding the stormy day.

Up till Wednesday night no word has been received of Sub. Lieut. J. G. Clark reported missing in last week's issue.

BATTLE RIVER ELECTS W.J. BLAIR UNION CANDIDATE

The Vote:

| | BLAIR | WARNER |
|-----------------|-------|--------|
| Irma | 50 | 26 |
| Durness | 55 | 24 |
| Lloydminster | 117 | 16 |
| Coronation | 174 | 42 |
| Willow Brook | 10 | 23 |
| Consort | 18 | 21 |
| St. Paul | 12 | 188 |
| Elk Point | 18 | 47 |
| Jarrow | 34 | 36 |
| Compeer | 46 | 25 |
| Loyalist | 24 | 33 |
| Consort (2) | 44 | 49 |
| Monitor | 65 | 22 |
| Kenomom | 20 | 33 |
| Metisook | 10 | 38 |
| Cadogan | 25 | 44 |
| Blackfoot | 44 | 11 |
| Riverdouse | 20 | 14 |
| Rising Sun | 28 | 4 |
| Therien | 7 | 11 |
| Vernilion | 84 | 40 |
| Vernilion (2) | 40 | 30 |
| South Vermilion | 71 | 66 |
| Landonville | 9 | 26 |
| Everett | 14 | 18 |
| Angel Lake | 3 | 13 |
| Windsor | 18 | 4 |
| Lumming | 10 | 19 |
| Barn View | 18 | 18 |
| Federal | 16 | 7 |
| Kitsooty | 64 | 27 |
| Earl | 49 | 19 |
| Arvilleton | 1 | 34 |
| Manville | 81 | 56 |
| Wealthy | 13 | 10 |
| Buffalo Coulee | 30 | 14 |
| Hamilton | 24 | 23 |
| Bloomington | 16 | 16 |
| Stellville | 17 | 14 |
| Chailey | 21 | 10 |
| Scottstown | 17 | 22 |
| Rodino | 15 | 17 |
| Minburn | 23 | 38 |
| Aville | 29 | 54 |
| Osar | 15 | 84 |
| Carre | 18 | 4 |
| President | 30 | 3 |
| Murosdamna | 5 | 9 |
| Lxpton | 22 | 9 |
| Myrnam | 4 | 13 |
| Ribstone | 30 | 10 |

There will be a dance tonight, Friday, Dec. 21st in the Co-op hall. Everybody welcome.

Chief Hill was down to his ranch Tuesday. He is having a sale to dispose of some of his stock Saturday.

Irma people visiting Edmonton would do well to stay at the Hotel Maryland. A comfortable hotel at moderate prices.

E.T. McDowell left Irma on Monday last for the east where he will join Mrs. McDowell and his daughter for Xmas.

Bert Stewart has opened a barber shop in the Massey-Harris office in town. We wish Mr. Stewart good luck in his new venture.

The Financial Statement of the Rural Municipality of Battle River arrived too late in time for publication in this week's issue of the Times. It will appear next week.

On account of the extreme cold the heated car service on the Grand Trunk has been discontinued. This makes it very hard for local merchants to obtain supplies of fruit, canned goods etc.

U. F. W. A.

The annual meeting of the U.F.W.A. Irma Local No. 51 was held on Saturday, Dec. 1st, in the school house. In the absence of Mrs. W. H. King, the Vice-President occupied the chair.

During the session since the organization in March nine very successful meetings were held with 21 paid up members on the roll, the average attendance was 10.4 besides which a number of visitors were present at each meeting. Papers were read by Mrs. J. McDonald and Mrs. C.J. Knudson on vegetable culture. Mrs. M.E. Milburn on flower culture, Mrs. W. B. Steele and Miss Irene Love on the raising and feeding of turkeys. Mrs. E. T. McDonald on Home economics. Mrs. G. N. C. Higginson on First Aid. Mrs. R.M. Harper on Canning Fruit and Vegetables. Miss M. Clark on Provincial Government. Miss M. E. Milburn on Dominion Government. Demonstration of Physical Culture by Mrs. J. G. Clark.

A library of books has been secured from the University Extension and are now in the Irma school house in charge of Miss Saunders who has been appointed librarian. It is hoped full advantage will be taken to secure good reading matter for the long winter nights. Several new members have promised to join up for next year. The subscription is only one dollar per annum and the secretary treasurer will be pleased to enroll new members.

The following officials were elected for the year 1918.

President, Mrs. W. B. Steel.
Vice-Pres., Mrs. W. H. King.
Sec'y-Treas., Mrs. Watkinson.

Directors, Mrs. Harper, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Higginson, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Chevalier and Miss Milburn. Mrs. Watkinson, Mrs. J. G. Clark and Miss M. Clark were appointed delegates to attend the convention at Calgary in January. The singing of the National Anthem brought the meeting to a close.

Financial Statement.

| Receipts. | |
|---|---------|
| Membership Fees | \$21.00 |
| June 2, col. for Red Cross | 2.10 |
| Aug. 4, " | 1.10 |
| Sept. 1, " | 1.50 |
| Oct. 6, " | 2.00 |
| Nov. 3, " | 1.60 |
| Dec. 1, " | 1.70 |
| | 31.00 |
| Expenditures. | |
| Membership roll cash and minute book and membership cards | \$2.50 |
| File | .85 |
| Freight and cartage on books | .65 |
| Butter and tea | .75 |
| Stationary, Stamps, etc. | 1.50 |
| Membership fees remitted to headquarters | 10.50 |
| Re to Red Cross Fund | 10.00 |
| Balance on hand | 4.25 |
| | \$31.00 |

Mrs. F.W. Watkinson Sec-Treas.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Wolfe spent a few days in Edmonton last week.

Halifax Relief Fund.

In response to the call for help for the Halifax Relief Fund. The committee appointed have collected \$179.50 and draft has been forwarded for same. Subscription lists are at Merchants Bank, Irma Co-Op Co., A. A. Dickson, and Red Cross Pharmacy. The following is a list of subscribers up till Wednesday night, Dec. 19th.

Any additional subscriptions will be received at any of the above places, and acknowledged in next issue.

| | |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| H W Love | \$5. |
| E T McDowell | 5. |
| H Kasten | 5. |
| C E McKay | 5. |
| C E Hocken | 5. |
| Miss S H Saunders | 1. |
| H M Wood | 1. |
| Miss D L Fluewelling | 2. |
| E Ambler | 1. |
| W G Galt | 1. |
| A McGillan | 1. |
| J J Barber | 1. |
| A W Toll | 2. |
| F D Johnston | 1. |
| Mrs W E Walker and children | 2. |
| A A Fischer | 2. |
| James Elliott | 2. |
| A B Larson | 2. |
| James Hinnen | 2. |
| A A Dickson | 5. |
| O P Chevalier | 2. |
| F W Watkinson | 2. |
| C Toll | 5. |
| W H Madden | 5. |
| G H Hutton | 2. |
| H Kennedy | 1. |
| Oto Rehge | 1. |
| A E Peterson | 1. |
| Wong Foo | 4. |
| E W Carter | 1. |
| N M Matheson | 1. |
| W G Stott | 1. |
| W H Lyle | 1. |
| R P Doherty | 1. |
| W J Doherty | 1. |
| M M Cook | 1. |
| C W Lattner | 1. |
| H H Gaines | 1. |
| H H Kennedy | 1. |
| H A Clute | 1. |
| G J Wyatt | 2. |
| W J Tripp | 2. |
| R L Rees | 1. |
| S. Coultman | 1. |
| H L McElrath | 1. |
| R S Cunninghamham | 1. |
| B Stewart | 1. |
| O Steffenson | 1. |
| Jas. Donoghue | 1. |
| J. McKnight | 1. |
| Jas A Thomson | 2. |
| W M Anderson | 2. |
| J H Elliott | 2. |
| Burton Haun | 3. |
| R Edmunds | 3. |
| F McLaughlan | 5. |
| W B Moffatt | 5. |
| Jno E Overbo | 2. |
| O T Skori | 2. |
| T N Sellers | 1. |
| G A Sisson | 1. |
| R A Larson | 1. |
| R J Tate | 1. |
| F Knudson | 1. |
| J A Littlechild | 1. |
| T E Yarr | 2. |
| James Fenton | 1. |
| G A Green | 5. |
| Geo Wakefield | 5. |
| J G Clark | 10. |
| Mrs J G Clark | 5. |
| W B Steele | 5. |
| W A Burton | 2. |
| Mrs E J Armstrong | 2. |
| G F Arnold | 2. |
| W H King | 5. |
| H L Hardy | 2. |
| Total | \$179.50 |

The Season's Greetings

INTEEN centuries ago a babe was born in a manger in Bethlehem of Judea. The Wise Men of the East came to see. They were led by a beautiful star that glowed like a great jewel in the sky. When they saw the babe something told them that a new light, more wonderful than that of the Star of Bethlehem, had come to diffuse itself over the earth.

THEY were not deceived. The babe they looked upon was the infant Jesus, the Christ-Child, whom God had sent to be the Saviour of Mankind and to drive away the darkness of sin and human despair.

THE Light of Love and Hope that Jesus brought has been burning ever since. It glows wherever men truly love one another. As the years go on, its bright beams reach further and further over the big round world. It shines through the smoke of war, and it beckons far out there on the rim of things where men and women and little children are just beginning to learn to follow the Golden Rule of Life.

IN the spirit of the Season, the Times wishes all its Readers A Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Red Cross Officials Nail Vicious Falsehood Against the Society; Rumor Plain German Propaganda

Every Effort is Made to Trace Origin of Damaging Reports; Materials Sent Forward to be Made Up in Usual Way Returned; Great Injustice to Unselfish Workers.

A most unjust and injurious rumor against the Red Cross Society is being circulated with such malice and persistence that it can only be explained by the fact that it is of enemy origin.

As is customary in such instances, no one has been able to trace the authorship of the scandalous charges made against the Red Cross workers. It is hoped that Times readers will lend every effort to spread the denial set forth in the following letter signed by the president and the treasurer of the Edmonton branch of the Red Cross Society.

The rumor has secured such credence in certain distant points, where helpers have never been able to visit headquarters and investigate for themselves, that materials sent forward to be made up in the usual way have been returned. Not only is a great injustice being done to the unselfish officers and workers at the rooms, but a serious falling off in production of much needed medical supplies will occur if the rumor is permitted to spread more widely without check.

Editor Irma Times,
Irma, Alta.
Edmonton, Nov. 27, 1917.

Dear Sir, — It has repeatedly come to our notice that a rumor is being circulated in the city and throughout the country, that certain of the officers of the Edmonton branch of the Red Cross Society are receiving salaries for the work done at the Red Cross rooms. A recent letter from the country states that the following statement is being made in their district: "Firstly: One of the lady officers is said to be in receipt of a salary of \$450 per month. Secondly: The same lady purchased thirty sewing machines at a cost of \$50 each, and resold them to the Red Cross Society at \$75 each. Thirdly: If private parcels

are sent from the Red Cross for men at the front, particularly nice garments are extracted before being despatched." Believing therefore, that the time has come for a formal denial through the press, we beg to say that these statements are absolutely false.

The Red Cross Society's work in the rooms is carried on at an expense of one stenographer, who does the correspondence, and a portion of the salary of the caretaker, at a total cost of \$80 per month. In addition, the book-keeping and auditing of the accounts is \$360 per year, but the person who does this work refunds half of the amount to the society as a gift, making the net cost \$180 per year.

The Red Cross Society has not purchased a single sewing machine. The total cost for sewing machines to date has been \$13.

Apart from the parcels sent to the prisoners of war, which are made up in London, and with which we have nothing to do, and the Christmas stockings, which are not addressed to individual soldiers, no private parcels are sent from the Red Cross Society. No garments are made or forwarded which are not part of regular hospital supplies.

Outside of the rooms, there was an additional small cost last year in connection with travelling expenses, amounting to about \$90. These were a refund of actual travelling expenses of delegates attending executive meetings.

We speak from an intimate knowledge of the whole workings of the society, particularly on the financial side. We would earnestly request that the names of any persons responsible for these rumors be forwarded to us, that they may be promptly dealt with, as this is, in effect, nothing more than German propaganda.
H. H. RICHARDS, Treas.
H. M. TORY, President.

MADAME MARJORIE

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(Continued.)

"That ends the business," she said. "There is nothing more to discuss. Nobody and nothing will make me alter what I have made up my mind. It isn't the work for you. You ought to be doing something better than making frocks for other women. Make the millionaire fall in love with you; and I wish to Heaven I knew why you remind me of somebody, and who the somebody is."

When she was safely outside the hotel, Meg drew a long breath of thankfulness; but she could not drive from her mind the thought of the strange man and his furtive eyes and chuckling laugh haunted her. Some of his words also haunted her with a persistency which she was ashamed of.

"Make the millionaire fall in love with you."

Ah! But the millionaire was already bound to pretty Connie Tredway, and she herself was bound to Dan. Poor Dan! who had told her when she came away that she was his salvation, and that for her sake he would give up the dressmaking and ruin himself. She must always help Dan, who had been good to her; she must never remember the things that he had looked to her for, and that he had stirred something about her heart which refused to be wholly still.

CHAPTER X.

You are Her Living Image

"I am tired to death of having things fitted and arranged," Connie exclaimed fretfully. Madame Laura the suave and handsome dressmaker, was standing in the prospective bride's bedroom, holding out for her inspection some trailing white draperies, and begging to be allowed to drape them on the living model. "I shan't be fit to see even my wedding day comes if I am not looking and having things draped on me. I am tired out as it is. Drape the stuff on my maid, can't you? She and I are very much the same height and size, and I can see the general effect on her, and you can get an idea of how the gown should hang."

The dressmaker suppressed an impatient sigh. The young lady had been trying her patience for the best part of two hours, and she turned to Meg, who stood beside the dressing table handling trinkets and making herself useful when required. The great dressmaker had for once broken through one of her strictest rules. It was well known that "Laura" never under any circumstances went to clients' houses, but she had actually been persuaded, though with much difficulty, to fit some of Connie's frocks in that young lady's own home and room. This concession had only been granted, because, as she confided to her assistant, she hoped to retain Miss Tredway's custom after she became Mrs. Marstead, and it was necessary to handle the wives of millionaires with the utmost tenderness.

"I can drape the gown nicely on your maid," she said graciously, subduing her impatience with an effort, especially when her quick eye observed that Meg's slender gracefulness would enhance the charm of her artistic draping. "I merely want to be sure you like my scheme. There is no necessity to keep you standing or to let you get tired."

With deft fingers she pinned and folded and arranged the soft white fabric about Meg's slight young person, and when she saw the effect of her work she experienced all the delight of a true artist. Even her plain black gown and neat white apron, was a very pretty girl: Meg clad in shimmering white draperies, with the finest of filmy lace resting against her neck, was a picture of loveliness, and Madame Laura's eyes shone delightedly.

"My goodness, I should like to make a gown for you," she whispered under her breath, whilst Connie glanced superciliously at the lovely vision. She was too self-centred and vain to be completely aware of Meg's great beauty, but she saw and resented the admiration in the dressmaker's eyes.

"You must feel quite odd, and like a fish out of water, dressed like that," she said laughingly to the girl before her. "Of course, on you it looks absurdly unsuitable, but still, I can gather the general effect," she added turning to Madame Laura, who by her lips to hide a smile. "That looks very well at the neck and sleeves and the gown should hang well, draped as you have draped it. It naturally looks rather silly on Deane! Meg was becoming tired to the insolence of the young mistress, but she winced a little at the taunting tones, and her hand went instinctively to her neck to begin unfastening the draperies, and get rid of them as fast as possible. But Madame Laura checked her.

"One moment," she said, "don't take it off just yet. This lace—it"

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what you brought me." As she looked at Meg, she laid stress to her words, "I wish Mrs. Tredway to see it before we finally decide to use it. If Madam could see you in the draperies as you have them on now, she could judge of the effect. Would it be possible to let Madam see them just as they are?" She glanced at Connie, who nodded her head indifferently.

"Oh, yes, Deane can go as she is and show the whole thing to mother," she said, and told Mrs. Tredway she had better decide whether the lace should be used like that or not. I don't care one way or the other. Just let her settle what she likes about it, and now you come back and tell Madame Laura." Having given her orders to her maid, she went back to her dressing room, leaving Meg standing languidly, whilst Meg, gathering the white material carefully about her, left the room and went down to Mrs. Tredway's boudoir.

That lady was still suffering from the effects of the nervous shock of a few evenings before, the shock about which everybody in her household excepting Meg was entirely ignorant; and it sometimes seemed to the girl that the fact of her sharing the knowledge with her mistress irritated Mrs. Tredway. She could arrange so patiently as Meg entered, and on seeing the girl in her white robes uttered a sharp exclamation of amazement.

"Miss Connie was tired. She had been standing so long to get fitted, and Madame Laura drew the material on me that she might get the general effect right," Meg explained. "She thought she could arrange on me how the gown should hang, and she wanted to try the lace upon it. Miss Connie wanted me to ask you to decide whether you would like the lace as Madame Laura has pinned it."

"Why can't Miss Connie decide for herself?" Mrs. Tredway exclaimed petulantly. "If she dress, she knows what she likes."

"Miss Connie thought it would be nice if you would decide about the lace as you have given it for the dress," Meg answered in her pleasant, soothing voice. "It is all as it is arranged now," Mrs. Tredway said rather grudgingly. "Of course it is settled, the lace is pinned on you, but I should advise Madame Laura to use the lace." She uttered the word "advise" so lovingly Mrs. looked in shining white, and she gave her opinion as curtly and briefly as possible. Indeed, she had an insane desire to tear the graceful draperies from her and to see her again in her normal black dress. She was so sure of her own being out of the question, she merely dismissed her without delay, showing with unmistakable clearness that she considered the mere fact that Meg was draped in material designed for the use of a millionairess, as little short of an impertinence.

(To Be Continued.)

German Treachery

Some Plain Speaking Indulged in by New York Ambassadors

Some plain speaking was heard at the Authors Club on the occasion of a dinner given to ex-Ambassador Gerard. After he had told the story of his four years' stay in Germany, he dwelt upon the dangers to which people of this country are exposed by treacherous German-Americans who have been old friends and associates.

Dr. van Dyke, formerly minister to the Netherlands, produced one of the Lusitania medals, bearing the announcement that the vessel was sunk on May 5, 1915, when she was not actually destroyed until May 7, 1915. This "proves" that the date of the damnable act was absolutely fixed in advance—for the doomed steamship was delayed at her New York wharf for two days longer than expected. The medals were printed in advance of the crime. Dr. van Dyke concluded: "Ask me to talk peace with a people like that! I say, 'No, by God! They are pirates, barbarians, ruffians, with whom we cannot speak.'" Commissioner Straus began his talk with a reference to the calamity at Baltimore by which several million dollars worth of food for the American army in France was destroyed, and shouted, "Hang the villains!" He went much further, for he demanded the execution of "every man in this country who is not 100 per cent. with us in this war!" Shooting, he insisted, is too honorable a death for spies and traitors. If we lose this war," concluded Mr. Straus, "we lose everything. The American revolution will have been fought for nothing; the federal cause will have triumphed over disloyalty in the salvation of a republic sacrificed to a nation of barbarians! We must win. If it takes the last man and the last dollar! The entire gathering rose and cheered tumultuously.

While on this subject, notice should be taken of the statement of Sir Richard Cooper in the house of commons that untraced British are still able to acquaint commanders of submarines of sailings from English ports; he admits many vessels have disappeared of which no record exists, because they were "sunk without trace!" This is appalling; but it corroborates the reports of an American negro, sole survivor of those unfortunate taken upon the deck of a German submarine and, after being jered and taunted, drowned by the submergence of the craft.

The House Secretary, Mr. Cave, added that the most spies were not German subjects. Julius Chambers, in Brooklyn

Saving Coal

Output of Artificial Ice Plants in U.S. to Be Curtailed

A great harvest of natural ice is proposed by the United States fuel administration as a means of saving coal this winter. Fifteen million tons of coal are used annually in American ice factories and refrigerating plants. The winter season of natural ice which is harvested will take the place of a ton of artificial ice and will save 500 pounds of coal.

Dr. Garfield, fuel administrator, will take up with the ice companies plans for cutting and storing greater amounts of natural ice this winter than ever before. In addition every householder, storekeeper and farmer who can obtain ice from nearby rivers and ponds, and store it for use next summer, will be urged to do so. The organization of the 5000 ice making plants of the country along lines of fuel economy is receiving the attention of the fuel administration. If this industry were concentrated in one third of these plants the coal saving would be enormous. The consolidation of refrigerating establishments would give a like result. It is estimated that in New Orleans alone such reorganization would save 100 tons of coal a day or 36,000 tons each year.

A Real Prayer

"Do the soldiers at the front ever pray?" The question was asked by a preacher at a ministers' meeting in a Canadian city. This is the story of a "trained army chaplain told in reply."

"One of the boys had been given dispatches to carry over a road exposed to the enemy fire. He stood by his motorcycle ready to start. He knew well the danger he must ride through, the slim chance of escape. Looking ahead and unheeding by-standers, he exclaimed, 'O God, I don't give a damn for myself, but for England's sake help me through!'"

A real prayer. "The spirit of it is the spirit that must inspire every man who gets a clear vision of what this war means.—From the Chicago Evening Post.

"The crowd—'Millions—' 'The man who gives in when he is

Thrift Is Not Merely Saving

Many Things That Go to Make Up Real Thrift

Nearly every parent in the country at some time in his life decided to teach his children to be thrifty. He purchases a small bank and they are taught to save their pennies. I can see that cast iron pig now, standing upon the mantel in our old home, ready and willing to eat every nickel and every penny that came my way. I hated that pig, for, whenever a penny, or a nickel or a dime came my way, why the pig got it and so far as I can remember now that was the last of it.

I wonder if this is not a mistake, and I wonder if there are not other things that go to make up real thrift as much as the habit of saving. True, it is a habit, and it is a habit that one who does not work will have nothing to save, and that a person who does not plan (or that work will have no work to do from which he may derive a profit. I believe that Mr. S. W. Straus, president of the American Society of Thrift, has hit the nail squarely on the head when he said: "Thrift means plan. It means self control, it means foresight, it means prudence, it means sane and legitimate self confidence, it means that makes for character."—E. B. House.

When the War Will End

Absolute knowledge have I none, but my aunt's washerwoman's son heard a policeman on his beat say to a laborer on the street that he had a letter, just last week, written in the finest Greek from a Chinese coolie in Timbuctoo, who said the negroes in Cuba knew of a colored man in Texas town who got it from a circus clown that a man in Klonoyke heard the news from a ranch in South American Jews, about somebody in Borneo who heard of a man who claimed to know of a well society dame whose mother-in-law undertakes to prove that her seven husband's sister's niece has stated in a printed piece that she has a son who has a friend who knows just when the war will end.—Ex.

When to Be Used

School Janitor—I found the "Not to be used except in case of fire" places those boys stole out of the corridor. Head Master—Where? School Janitor—They had nailed it on the coal bunker, sir.—Tit-Bits.

The Brightest Star

Sirius Is Four Hundred Times Size of Our Sun

Sirius, which astronomers say is the brightest star, is estimated to be in round numbers, seventy billion miles distant—that is seventy followed by twelve noughts. It is called a fixed star, but it moves about an inch in a century. Yet that movement, so microscopic as seen from the earth, to be visible at all must represent a movement or speed of 1,007,900 miles a day.

If the sky is clear, look for Sirius tonight, and think that the light by which you see it left the star nearly thirty years ago, yet light travels 186,000 miles a second, and takes under eight minutes to pass from sun to earth.

Compared with Sirius the sun is a mere flicker, a candle to an arc light. If the two were to exchange places in the universe the sun would almost pop out of sight altogether, being barely visible to the naked eye, a star of the sixth magnitude. But this is all the sun's boasted power and wealth would be shriveled up, just like a bit of tow in a blast furnace, for Sirius, according to astronomical calculations, would fill all space represented by the orbit of the earth, being equal to four hundred suns.

Chemically considered, skim milk contains almost all of the elements necessary for the support of life and the rebuilding of the tissues. Young animals will use it to great advantage in connection with other foods.

Incendiary Bullets

Used by Aviators for Attacking Observation Balloons

A new form of bullet—known as an incendiary bullet—is being used in Flanders. The bullets are fired from machine guns usually, the cartridges being like rifle cartridges in calibre and appearance, and arranged in suitable strips for the automatic feeding of the weapon.

The only difference is that the cartridges carry hollow bullets, which are filled with a slow-burning chemical compound. When the bullets are discharged the explosion of the firing charge sets fire to the chemical mixture.

Such bullets are used by aviators for attacking the observation balloons that direct the fire of the enemy's artillery—these balloons being stationed ordinarily about four miles behind the first line of trenches.

A single hit will usually destroy a balloon, for the bullet penetrating the envelope, sets instant fire to the hydrogen gas inside. The observers have barely time to avail themselves of their parachutes, and thus to make their escape, by a drop of 1,000 feet perhaps.

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H. G. THUNELL, Publisher
F. W. WATKINSON, Editor

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Irma, Alberta

Dec. 21



The Times has been criticized by
some persons for taking sides in
the election. The Times was not
established for the aggrandizement
for any political party or body of
men but boost Irma and district
and to uphold principles that we
thought would be a benefit to the
country as a whole whether those
principles are upheld by any or
either party. And we say it with
all sincerity, that we have not
changed our policy. In our open-
ing bow we announced that The
Times would welcome correspond-
ence on all questions whether
religious, political or otherwise
if couched in polite language and
signed by the correspondent as a
sign of good faith.

During the past few weeks the Un-
ion Government publicity committee
has seen fit to purchase a great deal
of space in the Times in which to
state their platform and views if re-
turned to power. The same privi-
lege has been open to the Liberal
party but they have not used as
much space as the Government.

The Times has no apology to
make for any stand or expression it
has made on the issues of the elec-
tion. They have been made in good
faith and with the conviction that
it has been for the best interests of
all.

Now that the election is over
everyone should join in and unite
our district as never before. Politi-
cal differences should be buried.
We are all loyal subjects; although
our views may differ. There are
local problems to discuss and settle
and above all there should be un-
animity of purpose to go ahead in
the spirit of brotherliness and good-
fellowship.

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**New Regulations for
Parcels for Officers
Prisoners of War**

In co-ordination with the new
scheme instituted by the British
Government all parcels from Can-
ada to officer prisoners of war in-
terned in Germany or Austria-
Hungary containing foodstuffs,
on and after January 1st, 1918,
can only be accepted for onward
transmission by the postal service
if they bear a "coupon" issued by
the Prisoners of War Depart-
ment, Canadian Red Cross So-
ciety, London, England.

Under the new arrangement the
amount of foodstuffs which may
be sent to an officer prisoner of
war during four weeks must not
exceed one hundred pounds. Of
this total the Prisoners of War
Department of the Canadian Red
Cross will send to each interned
Canadian officer, including those
attached to other than Canadian
units not less than six ten-pound
parcels each four weeks. The re-
maining forty pounds of food-
stuffs per four weeks may be sent
personally by relatives in Canada,
but each parcel must bear a
coupon which can be obtained on
application from the Prisoners of
War Department, Canadian Red
Cross Society, London, England.

The right to send food parcels
to an officer prisoner of war rests
with the next of kin, but may be
transferred by the latter or by
the prisoner of war himself to any
person. It is advisable that applica-
tion should be made to the Pris-
oners of War Department, Cana-
dian Red Cross Society, London,
England, for the necessary
coupons for parcels packed per-
sonally at the earliest possible
moment.

These coupons are to be used
on food parcels only, and no
coupon can be issued for amounts
under ten pounds. If, therefore,
it is desired to despatch a parcel
weighing less than ten pounds an
ordinary coupon must be used,
and the parcel counts as one of
the four permissible in four
weeks.

Articles may not be sent to any
society for enclosure in any par-
cel despatched under the Red
Cross label. The importance of
guarding against any misuse of
the label cannot be too strongly
emphasized. Such action would
not only harm the prisoner to
whom the parcel was addressed,
but would react on other prisoners
and might endanger the whole
system of despatching the food
supplies to officers and men who
have fallen into the hands of the
enemy.

Parcels for officers interned in
Bulgaria and Turkey come under
the new scheme. Owing, how-
ever, to the difficulties of postal
communication, it is not advisable
to send many parcels to officers
in Turkish camps. Supplies can
be purchased in Asia Minor, and
it is better to remit money to the
prisoners rather than send many
parcels.

This new scheme relates only to
parcels containing foodstuffs for
officer prisoners of war interned
in enemy countries, and does not
affect in any way the present re-
gulations governing the transmis-
sion of parcels to prisoners of
war other than officers, which re-
gulations remain unchanged.

The needs of officer prisoners of
war holding commissions in the
Imperial Army are looked after
by the Central Prisoners of War
Committee, 4 Thurlow Place, Lon-
don, S.W., England. This Com-
mittee will supply the necessary
coupons to the next of kin of
these officers for parcels address-
ed to them which are packed per-
sonally.

STRAYED—on the NW 1/4 sec 12-
46-5 W th. 1 red steer about 8
yrs old, end of horns cut off no
visible brand. One black spring
calf heifer, no brand, owner can
have same by proving property
and paying for this ad. Wm.
Mulligan, Irma. 46-47p

Successful Concert.

On Friday, Dec. 14th a very suc-
cessful concert and dance was held
in the Co-operative hall, Irma.

The Rev. C. G. Hoekin, chair-
man, first called upon the Irma
Glee Singers for a chorus, Rule
Britannia which was successfully
rendered. A violin solo by M. M.
Cook was much enjoyed, Mr. Cook
being a violinist far above the aver-
age. A song by Mrs. A. A. Dickson
was much appreciated. Mrs. Dick-
son being an old favorite at Irma
concerts. A recitation by Mrs. Kit-
chen was the next item and the
lady soon won the hearts of the
audience. Another violin solo by
M. M. Cook was the chairman's
next call and from the reception
his name received we judged that
the audience were anxious for more
of his music. After a song by Mrs.
W. E. Walker and another recita-
tion from Mrs. Kitchen in which
the "Cremation of Sam McGee" was
a good test of her elocution powers,
and the encore the lady received
proved that she was equal to occa-
sion, with the singing of God Save
the King, the first part of the eve-
ning closed. After refreshments had
been partaken of the hall was clear-
ed and a most enjoyable dance in-
cluded in.

The Red Cross fund benefited to
the extent of \$70.50. During the
evening those present expressed
their sympathy with Mr. and Mrs.
J. G. Clark and their family in
their anxious moments over the
news that their second son Lieut.
Geo. Clark was reported missing
and all hope that he may turn up
again safe and sound in the future.

LOCAL NEWS

All the Cream stations at Irma
Jarrov and Kinella will be closed
on Christmas Day.

Visit the new Irma barber shop.
Bert Stewart is in business at the
Massey-Harris office where he hopes
to see all the old faces.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Eaton left
Wednesday for Lynn, Ont. They
think they will stay back east on
the old farm but we expect to see
them back in Sunny Alberta after
a year or so.

Do not forget that the Halifax
Relief Fund is still open. The lists
are at the Merchants Bank, Co-op-
erative store, Mr. A. A. Dickson's
store and the drug store.

Geo. Hill is holding a sale of
Horses, Cattle and poultry on Sat.
Dec. 22, at Dave Ambler's farm.
J. W. Stuart is the auctioneer. See
advertisement in another column
of this paper.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dec. 17th

Editor Irma Times

Dear Sir:

Kindly grant me space in your
columns to make plain to anyone who
is interested, my position as regards
the Ross School Christmas entertainment
held on Dec. 18th in the school building
as I learn that my opinion regarding
the purpose of the concert and the disposal
of the funds collected for the gifts has
been grossly misquoted, either intention-
ally or otherwise.

I was told about a month ago, I be-
lieve, that the families in the district
were getting up a concert and tree, and
was requested to assist with the program.
What I said in reply was: "In these
terrible times of suffering, and want of
food, clothing and shelter for many
thousands, I think all the money that
can possibly be spared after the needs
are procured for us, should be
given to some one of the worthy or-
ders which have been formed for helping
those who need it, instead of spending it
in selfish gratification of our own personal
pleasure." And I requested that any
amount which might be designed to be
laid out for my children, be paid in to
the Red Cross or some other charitable
order, instead. Also, I thought it a splen-
did opportunity to lead the children,
large and small, to think of the sufferings
of others, and do what they could to
help them."

Mr. Editor, I think that you and any
readers will agree with me that the sum
of thirty dollars would feed even one
hungry child in Europe or elsewhere, a
number of days, and He, Whose Birth-
day we commemorate on Christmas Day,
lived and died, not for Himself, but for
others.

Thanking you for the space in your
paper, I am yours truly,
MRS. Wm. E. WALKER.

**Final Appeal Judge
Gives Ruling on
Exemption of Farmers**

Mr. Justice Duff (the Final Court of Appeal) De-
clares it is Essential that there shall be No
Diminution in Agricultural Production.

(Published by authority of Director of Public Information,
Ottawa.)

Hon. Mr. Justice Duff gave judgment on December
6th, in the first test case brought before him, as Central
Appeal Judge (the final court of appeal), for the exemp-
tion of a farmer. The appeal was made by W. H. Rowntree
in respect of his son, W. J. Rowntree, from the
decision of Local Tribunal, Ontario, No. 421, which
refused a claim for exemption. The son was stated to
be an experienced farm hand, who had been working
on the farm continuously for the past seven years, and
ever since leaving school. He lives and works with his
father, who owns a farm of 150 acres near Weston,
Ontario. With the exception of a younger brother, he
is the only male help of the father on the farm. The
father is a man of advanced years.

In granting the man exemption "until he ceases to
be employed in agricultural labor," Mr. Justice Duff
said:

"The Military Service Act does not deal with the
subject of the exemption of persons engaged in the agri-
cultural industry; and the question which it is my duty
to decide is whether the applicant being and having
been, as above mentioned, habitually and effectively en-
gaged in agriculture and in labor essential to the carry-
ing on of agricultural production, ought to be exempted
under the provisions of the Military Service Act.

"These two propositions are indisputable:

"(1) In order that the military power of the allies
may be adequately sustained, it is essential that in this
country and under the present conditions, there
should be no diminution in agricultural production.

"(2) The supply of competent labor available for
the purpose of agricultural production is not abundant,
but actually is deficient.

"The proper conclusion appears to be that the ap-
plicant, a competent person, who had been habitually
and effectively engaged in labor essential to such pro-
duction, ought not to be withdrawn from it.

"It is perhaps unnecessary to say that such exemp-
tions are not granted as concessions on account of per-
sonal hardship, still less as a favor to a class. The sole
ground of them is that the national interest is the better
served by keeping these men at home. The supreme
necessity (upon the existence of which, as its preamble
shows, this policy of the Military Service Act is found-
ed) that leads the State to take men by compulsion and
put them in the fighting line requires that men shall be
kept at home who are engaged in work essential to en-
able the State to maintain the full efficiency of the com-
batant forces, and whose places cannot be taken by
others not within the class called out."

Ottawa, Dec. 8, 1917.

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The Alberta Government Telephone Department have supplied a new list of rings and numbers which we are publishing below and which you should cut and tack up beside your phone.

The following rules have been sent by the department and should be read and followed carefully.

1. Local conversation should not exceed five minutes.
2. Listen before ringing.
3. If line is busy, replace receiver and wait for ring off signal. You will appreciate this action in others when YOU are using the line.
3. To call other parties on your line, simply ring the signal of the party you want.
4. To call Central, ring one long.
6. To call parties NOT on your line, call Central and ask for the number of the party wanted.
7. Subscribers must not "listen in" to telephone conversations not intended for them.
8. The use of obscene, profane, or abusive language over the line is absolutely prohibited.
9. Only the calling subscriber should ring off after a conversation with a rural phone.

POPULAR WANTS.

WANTED.—To buy hay.—Apply to J. B. Gulbraa, Irma. 43

For Sale.—3 Poland China boars, 4 months old, eligible for registration. Apply C. C. Riddle, NW 18-47-7 with.

FOR SALE.—Young pigs.—Apply to Thos. Shaw, Irma.

STRAYED.—To Lent Hardy's Sec. 4-47-9, one red and white steer. Owner can have it on paying expenses.

FOR SALE.—A few good grade Shropshire Ewes and Lambs. Apply to R.G. Williamson, Irma.

FOR SALE.—Second hand For Touring car for sale cheap or trade for stock. See Wyatt and Peterson, Irma, Alta. 37-3

STRAYED.—On the farm of Hy Kasten, SE 18-45-10, one bay gelding, 7 years old wt about 1200, black parts, spot on forehead.  46-7

LOST.—A black yearling filly, white star on face, no brand any information as to her whereabouts will be thankfully received by Jas. Linnen, Irma. 40-1

For Sale.—Three grade Hereford bulls, spring calves.—H. F. Jones, Irma. 41

FOR SALE.—Pure bred young Duroc Jersey sows and boars. William M. Rees, SW 28-45-9 W4, Irma, Alberta.

E. B. Mitchell is now prepared to grind all kinds of feed on the N.E. quarter 36-45-9. McPherson homestead.

STRAYED.—From the NW 1/4 of 2-47-11, 2 miles north of Kinsella in the latter part of June, a 2 yr old mouse brown mare, with white star on forehead, wt about 1200, small sore under belly, old wire cut above left hind heel, rather like a mule in appearance. \$25 will be given for information leading to recovery.—G.G. Chapman, Kinsella.

FOR SALE.—Two heifers coming fresh this winter. 1 cow fresh 1st of May. Apply Jones, Irma. 45

LOST.—20 head of cattle and spring calves, branded H 3. Information will be thankfully received by R. A. Summers. 32-47-9. 45

LOST.—1 holstein steer no horns, 1 black heifer, white hind legs, 1 black steer no horns, 1 red and white with horns, all coming 2 years. Brand 2X. \$2 reward per head for information leading to recovery. H. Kasten, Irma. 45

STRAYED.—from the SW 2-28-4 w 4th, one dark brown gelding, branded V with a circle around it on left shoulder, one sorrel gelding, branded the same. Information of same would greatly oblige A.W. Bishop, Irma p.o. 45

Notice to Creditors and Claimants.

NOTICE, in the estate of Albert Dalton, late of the village of Irma, in the Province of Alberta, Farmer, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims upon the estate of the above named Albert Dalton who died on the 7th day of June A.D. 1917, are required to file with H.V. Fieldhouse, Esq., Barrister, etc., Wainwright, Alberta, by the 17th day of January, A.D. 1918, a full statement, duly verified of their claims, and of any securities held by them, and that after that date the executor will distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto having regard only to the claims of which notice has been so filed or which have been brought to his knowledge.

Dated this 26th day of November A.D. 1917.

H.V. Fieldhouse, Solicitor for the Executor, Wainwright, Alta. Approved, Nov. 26th, 1917.

Signed, J.L. Crawford, J.D.C.E.

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A B Pennock, Sec'y

STRAYED.—To my place NE. 17-45-9, 1 red mooley steer, 1 yr old owner can have same by paying expenses. J.B. Gulbraa. 46-7

LOST.—On the trail from J. S. Gulbraa to town, a parcel containing some gray yarn. Will finder please return to F. W. Watkinson. Irma. 46

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| 312 | Burton, A. | 1 | 2 | |
| 103 | Chamberlain, W. B. C. | | 3 | |
| 411 | Christenson, C. | 1 | 1 | |
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| 110 | Costen, C. Z. | | 2 | |
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| 305 | Higginson, G. | | 1 | I |
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| 409 | Knudson, M. T. | | 4 | I |
| 405 | Larson, O. | | 5 | |
| 214 | Lattimer, C. | 1 | 4 | |
| 406 | Linquist, O. | | 1 | I |
| 402 | Lisson, R. J. | | 2 | |
| 219 | Love, H. W. | 1 | 4 | I |
| 304 | McCully, J. W. | | 4 | |
| 412 | McDonald, J. A. | 1 | 2 | |
| 417 | McKay, C. | 1 | 2 | I |
| 205 | McKnight, J. | | 5 | |
| 112 | McMillan, A. | 1 | 2 | |
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| 203 | McMurray, O. | | 3 | |
| 113 | Milburn, J. W. | 1 | 3 | |
| 306 | Miles, S. C. | 1 | 1 | |
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| 208 | Smart, A. | | 3 | I |
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| 308 | Thompson, B. | | 3 | I |
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Raisins, seeded 11 OZ PKGS .15
seedless PER PKO .17 1.2
Currants Excelior, thoroughly cleaned 1 LB PKG .25
Dates, Dromedary brand .20
Shelled Almonds PER LB .65
Shelled Walnuts PER LB .80
Molasses, No Vary brand 11-2 LB CAN .20
Lard, 3s—\$1.00 5s—\$1.60 10s—\$3.15
Baking Powder, White Star brand 5 LB TIN \$1.00
APPLES.—Jonathans, No. 1's \$2.60
Wagners, No. 1's \$2.60
Wagners, No. 2's \$2.60
Cooking \$2.40
Sunsweet Prunes, very large 50 to 60 PER 10 LB BOX \$1.70
Jams, Khaki brand PER 4 LB CAN .75
Marmalade, Empress PER 2 LB CAN .45
Sweet Pickles QTS—50 GALS—\$1.85
Sour mixed pickles QTS—50 GALS—\$1.60
Preserved Strawberries 3 CANS FOR \$1.00
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Stationery

A gift that's welcomed by either sex. We have a variety of boxes and cabinets sure to please.
Large Cabinet Fairfax stationery with greeting card \$1.65
Large Fleur de Lis Cabinet with greeting card \$1.15
Others from 45c up

Silk Handkerchiefs

A very popular present. Shop early and you'll find a variety to choose from.
La Rose Linen handkerchiefs prettily embroidered with roses 45c
Canada Souvenir Silk handkerchiefs 60c
Plain Silk handkerchiefs 30c
An assortment of styles from 15c to 45c
1 Dozen handkerchiefs in box 50c

Neckties

A necktie makes a dandy gift for your men friends. We have a large shipment just in. All the latest styles and materials, in colors and patterns that will please the most fastidious 65c to \$1.00

Gloves for Men or Women

This weather makes gloves or mitts very acceptable as gifts. Our stock includes both heavy or light for men or women.

Women's gloves in heavy kid colors grey, white or champagne \$2.00 and \$2.25

Men's gloves in mocha or kid, lined or unlined \$1.50 to \$2.00
Men's Mocha mitts \$2.00

Men, Women, or Children's Slippers

A large stock in all materials and styles for men, women or children. They make a pretty and useful gift.

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Give your boy a gun

Every boy wishes for a gun this Xmas. He wants to be a soldier. Our 22's are the real thing. He'll be delighted.

Stevens 22 latest model \$5.50
Hamilton 22 " model \$2.25

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Give the lady of the house some of these fine china presents. They're sure to please and will be useful all the year

Berry sets seven pieces \$2.00

Chocolate sets eight " \$4.50

Jelly sets seven pieces \$1.00

6 cups and saucers \$2.00

Celery Boat \$1.00

Gravy Boats, Sugar and Cream Sets, Butter Dishes, Bon-Bon Dishes, Nut Bowls, Salad Bowls, Spoon Trays.

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The most famous clock in the world, makes a very useful Xmas gift. Give the hired man one and he'll be up early right along. Same price all over Canada.

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Ladies Handbags

A very useful and acceptable gift for your lady friends in leather or morocco with small mirror.

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For the Youngsters

Don't let the youngsters suffer, even if things are expensive and hard to get. You liked a good time when you were a kid. Give them a good time with lots of toys, candies, etc.

TOYS

Dolls, fully dressed, jointed, in all sizes from .15
Teddy Bears \$1.00 to \$1.95
Sleighs from \$1.00 up
Rocking Horses \$1.35
Mechanical Toys, autos, etc. .50 to .75
Alphabet Blocks, Trumpets, Tea Sets, Rattles, 25c up
Purses, Xmas Stockings from 25c up
Pocket Knives 40 to \$1.65
Games, Checkers, Picture Books .20 to .30

CANDY

Save the youngsters a candy treat this Xmas, sugar being scarce. They may have to go without candy next year.

Chocolates Maraschino Cherries Per Lb. .60
Chocolate Covered Dates Per Lb. .50
Chocolate Peppermints Per Lb. .45
Nut Topped Creams PER LB. 45
After Dinner Mints PER LB. 35
Peanut Crisp PER LB. 35
Molasses Kisses PER LB. 35
American Mixture PER LB. 30

Cigars and Cigarettes

In Christmas packages with greeting card, are the one best gift for men.

Old Chum 6-25c pkgs in holly box \$1.50
Players Cigarettes 100 in holly box \$1.00
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